GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4142
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2014
WEBSITE OF ELECTION COMMISSION
Subbareddy Shri Yerram Venkata

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Disability Rights Organisation has requested the Election Commission of India to make their website user-friendly for persons with disability;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(c) whether the Chief Commissioner for persons with disabilities has issued any directions in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon; and

(e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a) and (b): No, Madam. The Election Commission has informed that it has received a representation from Dr. Satendra Singh, Assistant Professor of Physiology, Associate Editor, Research and Humanities in Medical Education (RHIME) complaining that the Election Commission website was not accessible to the citizens/electors with disability.

(c) to (e): The Commission has further informed that a copy of the representation of Dr. Satendra Singh was also received through the Court of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities. The said Court has advised the Election Commission to make arrangements to make website of the Election Commission accessible to persons/citizens with disability. The Election Commission has further informed that the work relating to making its website accessible to persons with disabilities is already under progress and 66% of the task is completed.